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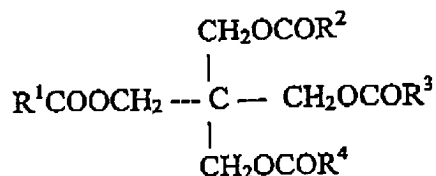
### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as indicated:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic recording medium, comprising a primer layer containing at least nonmagnetic powder on a support member and at least one layer of magnetic layer containing ferromagnetic powder dispersed in a binder, the magnetic layer being placed on the support member, wherein the primer layer comprises at least one type of compound expressed by the following general formula (1);

General formula (1)



where  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ , and  $\text{R}^4$  each represents an alkyl group having 2-3 to 7-5 carbon atoms.

2. (Original) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein thickness of the magnetic layer is within the range of 0.05 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. (Previously Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said magnetic recording medium is a disk.
4. (Previously Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein tetraester compound expressed by the general formula (1) is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 50 weight parts to 100 weight parts of nonmagnetic powder.

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5. (Previously Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1,  
wherein tetraester compound expressed by the general formula (1) is contained in an amount of 1  
to 25 weight parts to 100 weight parts of nonmagnetic powder.